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A Look Back at Phonographic Salesmanship

by Robert Feinstein



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# WHO WAS HENRY F. MIELKE?

by Robert Feinstein

My continual searching for antique phonographs and related memorabilia has caused me to probe into a number of mysteries — with varying degrees of success in solving them. About ten years ago, while browsing in a Queens, New York flea market, I discovered the unusual Nipper on the front page. Made of heavy cast iron and four inches high, the statuette has been rather sloppily repainted in white with black enamel markings. Recently, I learned that Steve Freeman of Baldwin, New York owns a similar piece, which he bought in a Long Island antique shop. The only difference between them is that his has remained the original black metallic color and has a silver-hued rim on the top of its base. Both Nippers have "VICTOR" engraved in the usual location and the words "HENRY MIELKE, INC." and "242 EAST 86TH STR., NEW YORK CITY" respectively embossed on the left and right sides of their pedestals.

After purchasing the Nipper, I became curious about Henry Mielke and the business that bore his name, but researching them proved to be a slow process. It was not until two or three years later that I put the figurine in a pocket, boarded a subway near my Brooklyn apartment, and got off at Manhattan's East 86th Street Station. I did not really expect to find anything, so was consequently quite surprised when I arrived at 242 East 86th Street and saw a huge neon sign which said "MIELKE MUSIC." It was placed above a seemingly thriving shop that sold records, sheet music, and musical instruments. Upon entering, I asked to speak to the proprietor and when he approached me I inquired if he was Henry Mielke. He informed me that he was not and that he never knew Mielke personally, as the establishment's founder and namesake had died many years before. After examining the Nipper, the proprietor, who never did tell me *his* name, exclaimed that it was "fascinating!" Unfortunately, although he had worked in the store for a long time, he had never seen a dog like mine before and knew nothing of it. He did, however, tell me that the store once specialized in the sale and repair of Victor phonographs.

The complete story behind the Mielke Nipper may never be known, but (in the time span) since that visit, I have learned

much about the man and his firm. I even located an actual eyewitness to his business, none other than the ticket taker at the Tri-State Music Shows!

Henry F. Mielke was born in Hamburg, Germany around 1871, came to the United States in 1887, and became an American citizen in 1892. In 1907, he opened a stationery business at 1628 Second Avenue in the Yorkville section of Manhattan. In either late 1910 or early 1911, he moved one door north, to 1680 Second Avenue and established a camera store which included phonographs among its stock. Until recently, Yorkville was largely populated by German immigrants and Mielke became a prominent community leader, serving as President of the Yorkville Chamber of Commerce and a founder of the United German Societies of New York.

Before Germany sank the *Lusitania* and the United States entered World War I, Mielke made use of the store in fundraising efforts for the German cause. *The New York Times* of October 18, 1914, printed an article entitled "The Iron Ring Is Worn By 10,000 New Yorkers of German Blood," which graphically detailed these activities. Beginning on September 1, 1914, thousands of people came to his shop on Second Avenue, where they either made cash donations or gave their jewels and other valuables. In return, each contributor was given a certificate and an iron ring, containing a Maltese cross inscribed with the phrase, "troubled times." By distributing these items, Mielke was following a century-old tradition, as similar rings and certificates were given to financial supporters of German armies during the Napoleonic wars. However, the newspaper mentioned that the money being raised by Mielke was used to assist the widows and orphans of German soldiers, rather than for buying weapons. *The Times* article described the scene as follows:

*The back of the shop, which belongs to Henry Mielke, is piled high with boxes and baskets filled with packages of every shape and size. The phonograph and Kodak business has, of course, gone by the board, and a receiving desk occupies the centre of the shop.*

*Here come all manner of German folk, the poverty-stricken with some poor treasure, the middle-class with an immense variety of offerings, the near wealthy with crisp green-*



backs. The stream of people is constant; in one day as many as 450 persons filed past the desk of Henry Mielke.

And Mielke himself was portrayed as deeply touched by the procession of donors, while seemingly uncaring about his own finances:

*"It is the poor people," says Herr Mielke, "who are making the big sacrifices, of course, and it is they who deserve great admiration. I feel sad at times to see them giving up their little treasures which have so much greater value to them, but I can conscientiously tell them that perhaps they, or their children, will someday get a material return. Just a few months ago one of these iron rings and the certificate that went with it, issued during the Napoleonic wars, sold in Berlin for \$4,000."*

The above quote is particularly interesting if we assume that Mielke, rather than a later owner of the shop, distributed the iron Nippers. Perhaps he envisioned that they too would someday greatly appreciate in value. In any case, *The Times* article suggests that Mielke's rings and certificates may still be found over a wide geographic area:

*At present, boxes and packages are arriving from all parts of the United States, from Salt Lake City, from San Francisco, from Kansas, from South Carolina ... all of which makes every day a busy day for Herr Mielke. "Business?" he says cheerfully, "Business, it is nowhere. But what matters business these days?"*

But Mielke's business was far from abandoned, although he began to deemphasize photographic equipment and expand his inventory of phonographs. In 1917 he relocated it to the 86th Street address, still in Yorkville, and it was to remain at that location for more than six decades.

It was there that a young Russian immigrant named Charles Gelman worked in 1919 and 1920, first as full-time store employee and then as part-time traveling phonograph repairman for Mielke's customers. Through the kindness of Allen Koenigsberg, I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Gelman this past July. The following slightly edited transcription of Mr. Gelman's tape recorded reminiscences depicts a vastly different Henry Mielke. It also gives us a unique view of Mielke's store and some insight into what it was like to be a phonograph mechanic sixty-five years ago:

"I started working there about 1920, and when I got married I still worked for him

part-time. Mr. Mielke couldn't pay really what I needed, so I was looking for some better things...

I was fascinated by the girl he had working there, a girl by the name of Weker, Miss Weker. I think she was not married at the time. And she had such a terrific memory. She remembered most of Mr. Mielke's stock in records. When people came in for a record she knew right then where to pick it out and played it for them. We had little listening booths there.

We had quite a big store and Mr. Mielke had an office on the side of the shop where he kept his personal belongings. And the peculiar thing is that when he got a letter, not only did he save the letter, which he kept separately, but he opened the envelope and stretched it out and saved it for memoranda. Now when he got a piece of twine on a package, he didn't throw it out. He tied it up ... he had a ball about two feet wide and he would take pieces of cord from it to tie up the packages...

Sometimes he would deliberately mess up his desk in the belief that a disorderly desk gave people the impression that business was good. His desk was filled with all kinds of stuff when he expected somebody, especially from the home (Victor) office. Otherwise, it was as neat as a pin. That impressed me.

Evidently, he was a cheapskate. He didn't pay any high salaries. I think he paid me eight to ten dollars a week when I was working in the store. When he sent me out, I worked on commission for the repair jobs.

Mr. Mielke told me it had to be clean. The job had to be clean. So he gave me a piece of carpet ... and when I came into a house, wherever they allowed me to work, I spread it on the floor, put my tool box on it, and even put my graphite on it. You see, I carried a little graphite, and sometimes I carried a new spring. I put it on the carpet and when I left there wasn't a spot on the floor. It was not easy to travel the subways and do repair jobs in people's homes. And maybe, after working two or three hours ... maybe I got five dollars [for the store]. There were no tips.

Most of the repairs were when the Victrola jumped and the spring had to be regraphited, or they involved a broken spring. If it had a two-spring motor, one of them may have been broken and I put in a new spring.

I think I sold one or two Victrolas during those home visits, and I think Mr. Mielke gave me a commission on them. I think he only carried Victor machines. If he carried



any other kind, I didn't repair them.

Henry Mielke was a large man, easily more than 300 pounds, and he acted so superior. I always had a funny feeling about him. He rarely talked to me. I was a little afraid of him."

Very shortly after Charles Gelman stopped working for him, Henry Mielke sold the phonograph store and opened a retail radio shop at nearby Lexington Avenue and East 85th Street. Perhaps the onset of the Depression in 1929 caused that business to fail, because by the following year Mielke was working as a travel agent. He had often expressed the wish to take a trip around the world before he died. Sadly, he had been afflicted with diabetes for many years and declining health prevented him from fulfilling that desire.

On April 1, 1935, Mielke had a violent sneezing attack and ruptured an artery in his eye. In an effort to save the sight in that eye, doctors confined Mielke to a darkened room for several weeks. He soon suffered a general physical collapse and died on June 15, 1935. Mielke had once been married and the father of a daughter, but his wife and child had died many years before. At the time of his death, Mielke's only surviving relative was a sister Louise Wendt of Philadelphia.

Obituaries appeared in a number of New York newspapers, and when one contrasts those biographical profiles against Charles Gelman's remarks, it can only be concluded that Henry F. Mielke was something of a paradox. Apparently, he was both miserly *and* generous, haughty *and* humble, a man capable of boorish insensitivity and sincere compassion.

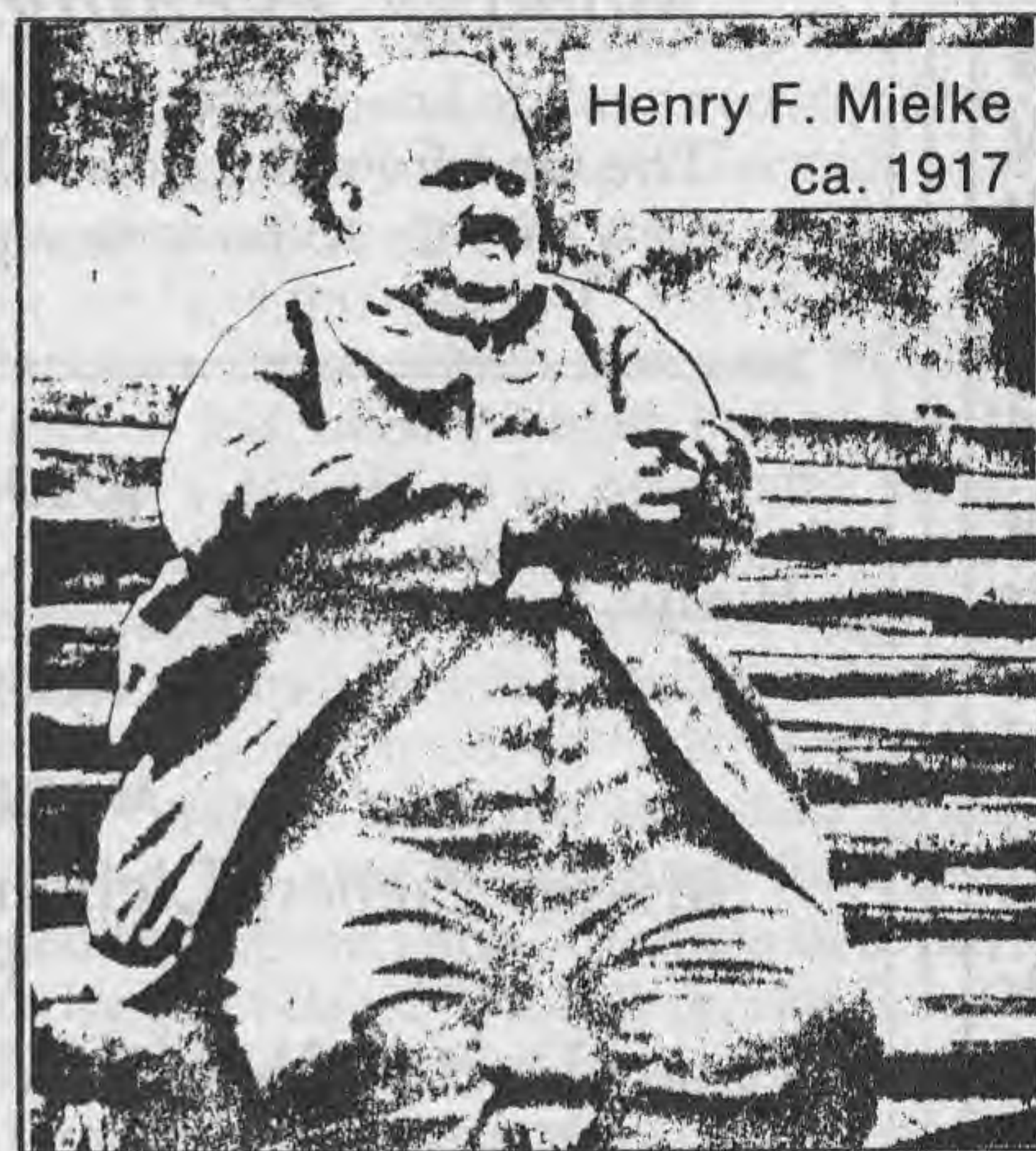
*The New York Times* of June 16, 1935 noted his service to New York, which included sixteen years as a panelist on the New York County grand jury and a term as President of the Community Councils of the City of New York. *The Yorkville Advance* of June 20th mentioned that hundreds of Mielke's friends attended the funeral services and also said Mielke was:

*... a man who devoted his entire life to helping others and working unceasingly and unselfishly for the betterment of the city and community he loved so deeply... He contributed generously to the Odd Fellows (orphan) home at Unionport, N.Y. and endowed its girls' dormitory in memory of his deceased daughter.*

And in the same obituary, there appeared the following sentence: "From the very first,



Charles Gelman recalls his days working for Mielke's music shop as he gazes at the "Nipper" that triggered the search.



he was interested in the infant phonograph and talking machine industry and became one of the most prominent merchants in that line."

"Mielke Music" finally went out of business in 1980. A store specializing in the sale of health foods and vitamins now occupies the site at 242 East 86th Street.

As for Charles Gelman, after leaving Mielke's employ he had a long career as an insurance salesman. Always interested in mechanical items, he has been granted several U.S. patents, including two for automatic envelope sealing devices, fifty years apart! At the age of eighty-seven he remains active as a part-time ceramics teacher and an amateur magician. He also continues to be involved with antique phonographs, still working as the ticket taker at the semi-annual Tri-State Music Collectibles Show in Secaucus, New Jersey. No doubt many collectors will have noticed him. □



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Agile Annie,	- - -	Mrs. Ralph Lewis
Greedy Gussie,	- - -	Miss Blanch Seidel
Dancing Dorothy,	- - -	Miss Ellen Cheetham
Out-of-her-head Ophelia,	-	Miss Julia Green
Lively Lulu,	- - -	Miss Mary Snyder
Lovesick Laura,	- - -	Miss Margery Parker
Sleepy Sally,	- - -	Miss Mattie Nyce
Topsy,	- - - - -	Mr. Geo. Rick

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The location of this scintillating entertainment is unknown (*Courtesy of David Kaufman*)



## FROM THE GOLDEN AGE

by Joe H. Klee

Just as the death of Rosa Ponselle a year earlier had effectively marked the end of one golden age of opera, the death of soprano Maria Jeritza on July 10, 1982 brought another era to a close. Not to say that the two were comparable. They weren't. They were as different as the Italo/American and the Middle European traditions from which they came. They shared a few roles in common during their tenure at the Metropolitan. Yet each had their partisans and each had their share of triumphs both in the house and on recordings. However where Ponselle was the better singer... Jeritza was the supreme actress with a stunning sense of the dramatic. It is therefore unfortunate that we must, unless we are of an older generation, judge Jeritza primarily from recorded evidence. Films would have been a more satisfactory medium.

Jeritza made her Metropolitan debut in 1921 in the dual role of Marietta and the apparition in Erich Wolfgang Korngold's "Die tote Stadt." The big names in the house at the time were Martinelli, Gigli, Ponselle, Bori and Farrar. Caruso had died. Galli-Curci had made her Metropolitan debut as Violetta earlier that week. By the time Jeritza left the Met, eleven years later, she had sung 292 New York performances plus another 56 on tour of 20 roles to which she added a 21st when she returned for one final guest performance in the role of Rosalinda in the Feb. 22, 1951 performance of "Die Fledermaus." She must certainly have been a work horse.

Maria Jeritza's recorded career can be roughly divided into four categories. There was a series of Pathe recordings made in 1908 at which time Jeritza would have been 21 years old, 2 years before she made her debut at a major opera house in a major role. A note on the Jeritza reissue albums available on Court Opera Classics (CO 338) and on Preiser's *Lebendige Vergangenheit* series (LV 122 and LV 227) refers to the Pathe recordings as being currently unplayable, having been made on the "Tiefenschriftverfahren" system. I owe thanks to my good friend Herbert Steinberger for his assistance in translating these liner notes and confirming my suspicions that this lengthy German word refers to the vertical (hill and dale) system of recording used by Edison and by

Pathe at that time. It may have been true that these items may have been at one time untransferable to LP but since then, equipment has become available which would make issuance of the Pathes possible. If this has been done by this time it has escaped my notice. If it has not been done one would hope that eventually it will be so we may hear the earliest recordings of Maria Jeritza comfortably and conveniently in our homes.

The second series of recordings were made for Odeon (1913-1914). Most of these appear on Court Opera Classics CO 338. Although one of them does show up on Preiser LV 227. One cannot help but marvel at the superb sound of these acoustic Odeon recordings. They are sung in German, as was the practice in Germany and Austria, except for the 1914 recording of "Vissi d'arte" from Puccini's *Tosca* which was sung in Italian. Since it has been pointed out to me that Flotow's *Martha* was originally sung in German and not Italian, I've become a lot less snobbish about opera in the original language versus opera in translation. Yet I find it hard to get used to "Als Sieger kehre heim!" rather than the expected "Ritorna Vincitor". I also have a hard time getting used to *Mignon's* aria "Connais-tu le pays?" under the title of "Kennst du das Land?" I find the German text far more suitable to Hugo Wolf's lieder setting of the same text than I do to the music of Ambroise Thomas' aria which is nothing if not gallic. Yet whether the aria in question is from *Tannhauser*, *Faust* or *Girl Of The Golden West*, Jeritza does it well. They're all on here and they're all worth hearing. Especially worthwhile are two excerpts from Karl Goldmark's seldom heard *Das Heimchen am Herd*, an opera little known today.

Maria Jeritza's association with Victor began in 1922 and produced a good number of recordings both acoustic and (after 1926) electric. At first hearing the acoustic Victors sound better than the early electric Victors but one must remember that by 1922 Victor had well perfected their acoustic recording process. In 1926 they began all over using the microphone rather than the horn and it was back to some elementary trial and error. The two Preiser LPs deal mainly with various Victor recordings from both the acoustic and electric period. There is an interesting



comparison to be heard in the two recordings of "Voi lo sapete, o mamma" from Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*. The 1923 version on LV 122 is from the acoustic era — the 1927 electric appears on LV 227. LV 227 also contains several electrical remakes of material which had been recorded earlier for Odeon, such as Elisabeth's two most famous arias from *Tannhauser* and another "Vissi d'arte". It's these comparisons which give us our best overall sense of the recorded career of Maria Jeritza.

Yet there is another factor which comes into play with electrical recording. The enhanced reproduction and more faithful sound accented Jeritza's flaws as cruelly as it portrayed her dramatic insights and musicality. Jeritza's was a voice, like that of Callas and so many others, that was not perfect. Like Callas, what Jeritza was able to accomplish with her dramatic flair and her stage personality caused audiences to overlook the flaws in the voice. It has been said that her practice of scooping notes was a product of her later career. I believe I hear, despite the acoustic recording, that this tendency existed even as early as her 1913/14 Odeons but became more evident as the advances in recording technology exposed these flaws more clearly.

There is the further question of repertoire. She certainly recorded roles she did not sing at the Metropolitan. This is logical enough. What with Rosa Ponselle and Elisabeth Rethberg in the company there was no need for Jeritza to sing *Aida*. If, in fact, she knew the role in Italian there are no recordings which I know of to attest to the fact. She recorded "Suicidio!" from *La Gioconda* but did not sing it at the Met. This was Ponselle's role in the house. Even more curious is her recording of Brunhilde's "War es so schmahlich" from Wagner's *Die Walkure*. At the Met her role in that opera was Sieglinde whose first act aria Jeritza recorded in 1925. The fact that the recording of Brunhilde's aria was made in 1930 would seem to bear out what was said in the *New York Times* obituary at the time of Jeritza's death. This was apparently a role she "took on" later in her career after 1932 when she left the Metropolitan. We know that she continued to sing after leaving the Met both in Europe and in America. We also know that there was a film career. The *Times* obit makes refer-

ence to a film for the German UFA company of a Lehar operetta. Would that it could have been "The Merry Widow" and would that it could have been done with Richard Tauber and would that it could be found... but if wishes were horses....

If, in fact, wishes were horses we could wish that we had been in the right time and place to experience Jeritza's artistry in person. Those of my acquaintance who *were* there tend to rave endlessly about Maria Jeritza's beauty and acting ability and musicality — if not her musical accuracy. While acknowledging their backstage rivalry Rosa Ponselle in the book which she and James Drake co-authored, *Ponselle, A Singer's Life* referred to Jeritza as "One of the greatest stage personalities in the Metropolitan's history ... a clever and resourceful actress especially in Korngold's "Die tote Stadt." That's a good enough assessment for me, the records demonstrate a voice that even with its flaws was more than acceptable. If Jeritza lacked personal warmth and the Italian style, these were not prerequisite for the middle-european repertoire that made up the most memorable parts of her career. She was assuredly an important part of operatic life in New York and she was one of the last singers of the teens and twenties to survive into the eighties. An era has certainly ended.

This article was first written shortly after the death of Mme. Jeritza. It was then shelved for something like two years because on second reading it seemed to me that I was being excessively kind in overlooking vocal flaws because of the moving events at the time. Having re-written this piece two years later, I hope I have not overcompensated by paying too much attention to the minuses and not enough to the pluses. It is a statement about Maria Jeritza and her place in operatic history that there are enough pluses and minuses to make it go either way with ample evidence for justification. Just as with Maria Callas there were things which Jeritza did so perfectly that they could not be improved upon ... and there were things that both did which can make us cringe in retrospect. Among the other things Jeritza did she was the first to sing "Vissi d'arte" in a prone position. In doing this she began a tradition which carries on until today. She was truly an important part of the Golden Age. □

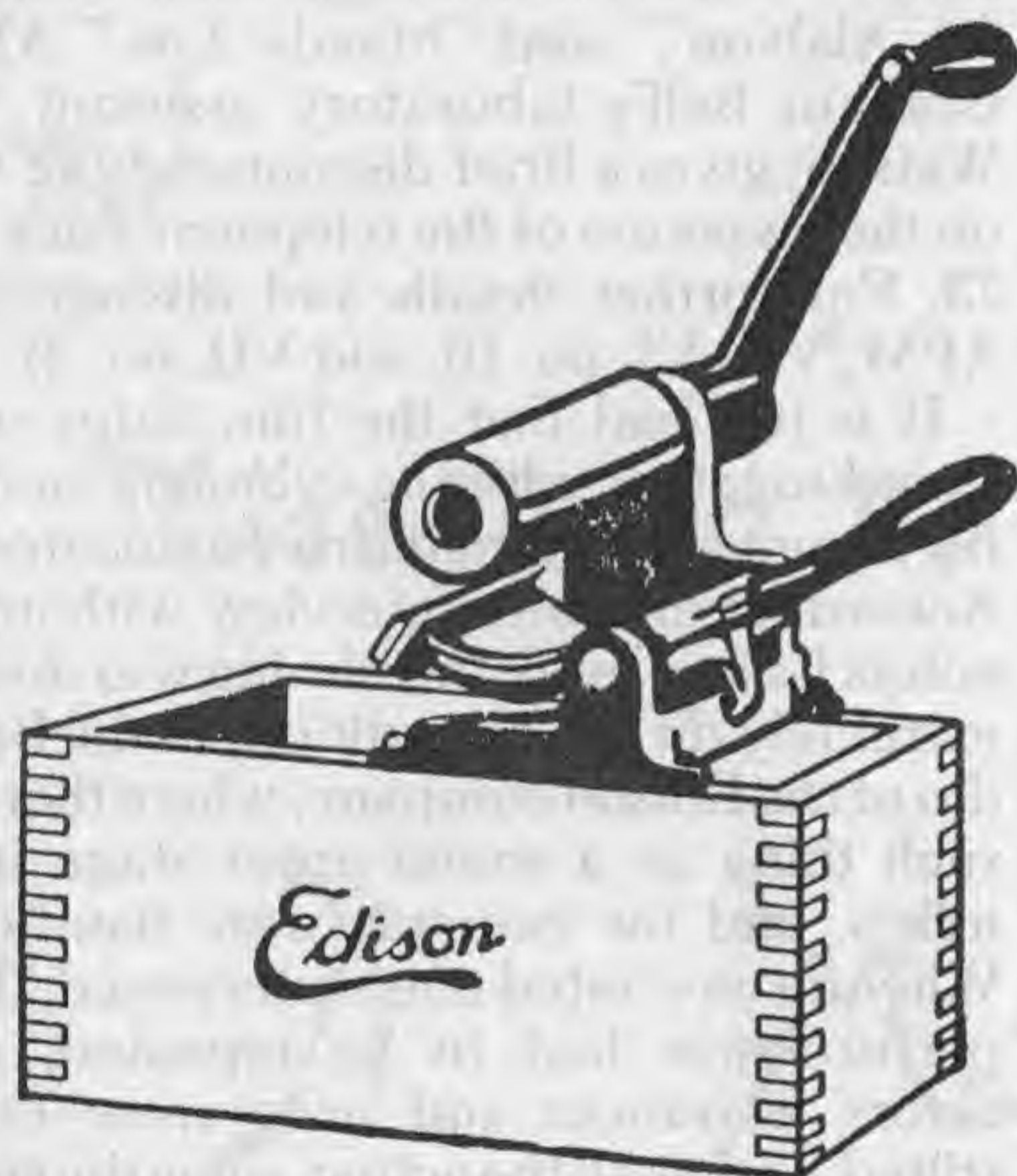


# SHAVING RECORDS

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This shaver was sold with a 4-minute recorder and 3 blanks for a total of \$8.00 in late 1912.



## RECORD REVIEW

### FIRST MOVIE SOUNDTRACKS: *The Edison Kinetophone Cylinders* (Mark 56 Records: No. 856)

By Chester Collins

Two indefatigable searchers of obscure treasures of recorded sound, collector George Blacker and George Garabedian, treat us to an interesting historic footnote: Edison's stubborn but fore-doomed attempt to synchronize sound recordings with movies. They somehow managed to unearth eight long-playing (6-minute) cylinder records used in tandem with 400-foot long strips of film in a projection system which Edison introduced in 1913 under the name *Kinetophone*.

What we hear is an extremely rare foray into authentic pre-World War I entertainment — not so much because of the age of the recordings but because Kinetophone was one of the great inventor's rare, resounding failures. The machines, film and records were withdrawn from the market almost immediately, and exhibitors simply discarded them in disgust, unable to attract customers to the unworkable, poorly synchronized venture. Therefore, to come up with any of the cylinders at all, let alone in reproducible shape, must be considered one of the miracles of collector perseverance.

Poor Edison! Genius that he was, he simply could not escape the mental rut of associating sound automatically with *records*. On the other hand, there is a certain melancholy irony in the fact that 70 years later, even so keen a history buff as George Garabedian cannot escape the mental rut of associating any sounds used for movies with a *soundtrack*, and so he mis-titles his album!

No, they are not soundtracks; nor are they "First" because there were other recorded accompaniments to films before 1913, several of them by Edison himself (see *APM*, Vol. V, no. 5). Finally, the cylinders are not "wax," but made of a durable celluloid-based plastic.

But such carping should not detract us from enjoying the rare find; in fact, any dyed-in-the-wool trivia fan derives double pleasure from catching both our revered national inventor and a noted contemporary historian with their pants down. Fortunately, George Blacker's excellent liner notes explain very clearly just what the material is, and take us on a guided tour of some of the many early attempts to harness the balky mule team of records and films.

The audible contents of the album, after we adjust our ears to a certain amount of inevitable surface noise as well as to the unaccustomed acoustic (as compared to electronically enhanced) sound, is remarkably well preserved. There is an assortment of popular and classical airs, vaudeville sketches and the spoken word; there is even a whole miniature minstrel show,

complete with interlocutor, "Bones" and "Sambo," and crude rustic humor. Edison carefully chose performances that would demonstrate the fidelity of his equipment, and thus we have a full range of human voices, sounds of anvils and hunting horns, and even a venerable stage skit based on the premise of two people mistakenly thinking the other person is hearing-impaired, which provides an excuse for shouting.

Along with the vaudeville corn and ancient one-liners, we hear some pleasant singing, ranging from the sextette from "Lucia" to such ditties as "Annie Laurie," "In the Merry Green Fields of England," "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "When the Midnight Choo-choo Leaves for Alabam'," and "Mandy Lee." Alexander Graham Bell's laboratory assistant, Thomas Watson, gives a brief discourse about working on the invention of the telephone back in 1874-75. For further details and discography, see *APM*, Vol. VI, no. 10, and VII, no. 2).

It is too bad that the film strips were not found together with the cylinders, and probably do not exist. [*Art Shifrin has located some*]. According to a later interview with one of the actors Edison used, the filming was done under extremely difficult conditions in the Bronx studio of the Edison company, where there was no such thing as a sound-proof stage or boom mikes, and the cameras were hand-cranked. When an unwanted noise intervened, the entire performance had to be repeated, and the actors' entrances and exits were extremely stilted, as was all the acting, since the stationary horns had to be heeded at all times. There were, as may be seen from some of the stills, production values in the form of elaborate costumes. For the minstrel show, for example, Edison had the orchestra and the actors in period dress copied from the style of the 17th-century French Royal Court, which contrasted strangely with the two "end men" who were in blackface of strictly 19th-century American vaudeville vintage. He also used his right-hand man, William Meadowcroft, who had good business ability but no discernible acting talent, as the conductor.

But a few incongruities never bothered Edison, who knew what he liked and didn't hesitate to indulge his tastes, and so they shouldn't bother us. What is relevant is that this is a unique collection of vintage recordings from an era which left us comparatively few aural recollections, and that as such it belongs in the library of every devotee of recorded Americana.

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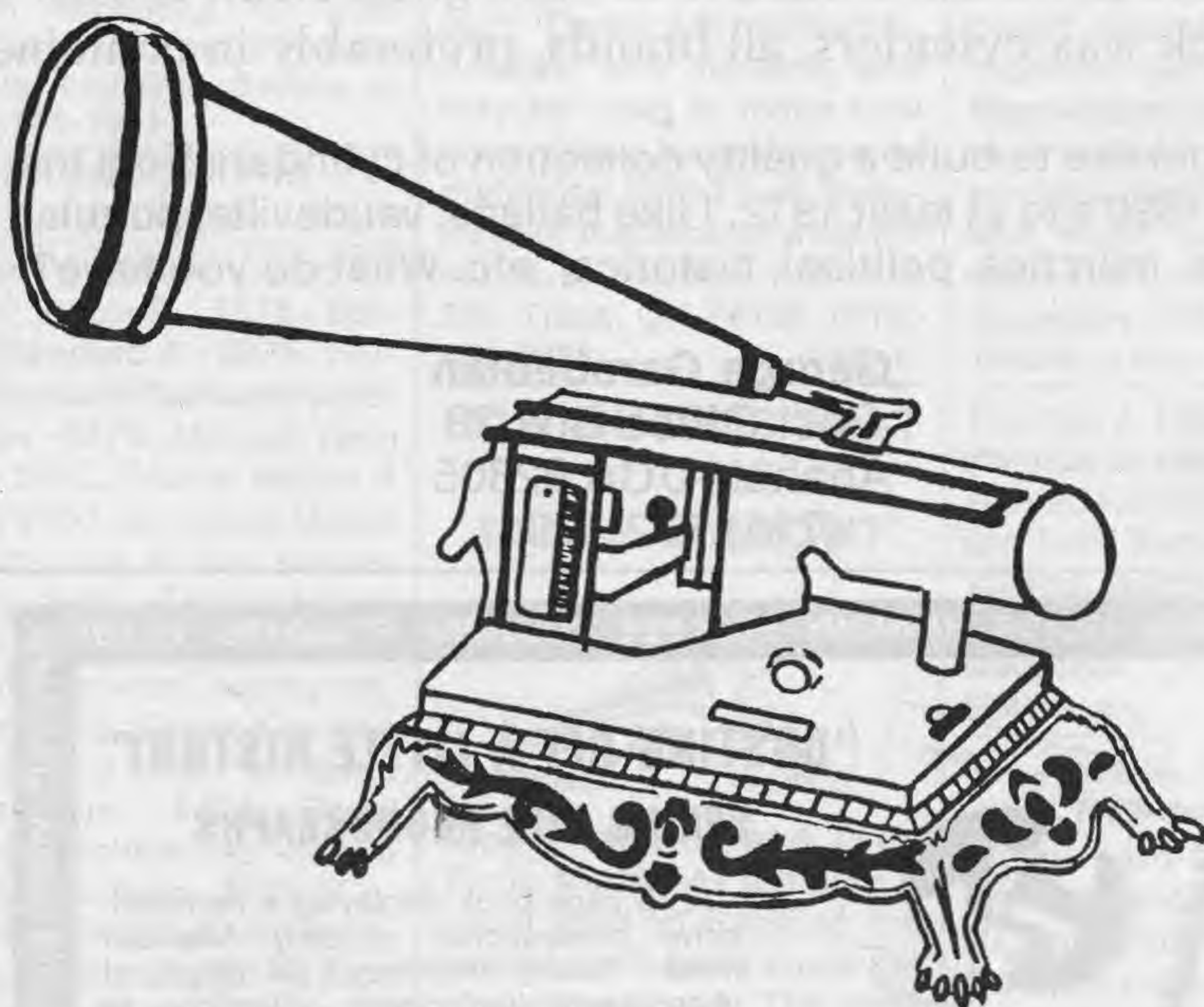
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## “Highlights” of E.P.M. Vol. VIII, 1910

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| No. 1 January.   | Record list—March<br>Photo of Marie Dressler<br>Columbia 2nd—Victor 3rd behind Edison<br>1A still in short supply<br>Model L reproducer first on Amberola 1A |
| No. 2 February.  | Record list—April<br>Mr. Edison winters in Florida<br>Sara Bernhardt records coming  |
| No. 3 March.     | Record list—May<br>A false rumor nailed<br>“Special Hit” records introduced<br>Sophie Tucker, new talent   |
| No. 4 April.     | Record list—June<br>Model L replaced by Model M<br>Combination attachment sale, A - K records<br>Amberola testimonials                                       |
| No. 5 May.       | Record list—July<br>A South Pole record<br>“Casey Jones” a predicted hit<br>Photo of Wanamaker’s showroom<br>A trip to South America                         |
| No. 6 June.      | Record list—August<br>About Triumph attachments<br>New Grand Opera talent—Jörn and Polese  |
| No. 7 July.      | Record list—September<br>Premium Records D-1 — D-24<br>Phonograph description chart<br>Parts prices<br>New York City photo—Edison sign                       |
| No. 8 August.    | Record list—October<br>Wooden horn introduced<br>Model M reproducer replaces the Model L<br>Music Master Horn—an Edison product                              |
| No. 9 September. | Record list—November<br>Amberola in wild mining country<br>New Model O reproducer on Triumphs and Idelias<br>Model C reproducer replaces Model A             |
| No. 10 October.  | Record list—December<br>Pictures of four artists<br>Model O reproducer for Balmoral and Alva Phonographs   |
| No. 11 November. | Record list—January<br>Artist photos<br>Edison stock list<br>Change in Idelia Phonograph finish to maroon enamel<br>Music Master Horn a big hit              |
| No. 12 December. | Record list—February<br>First two color E.P.M.<br>Recording horns discontinued<br>New Amberola cabinet featured  |

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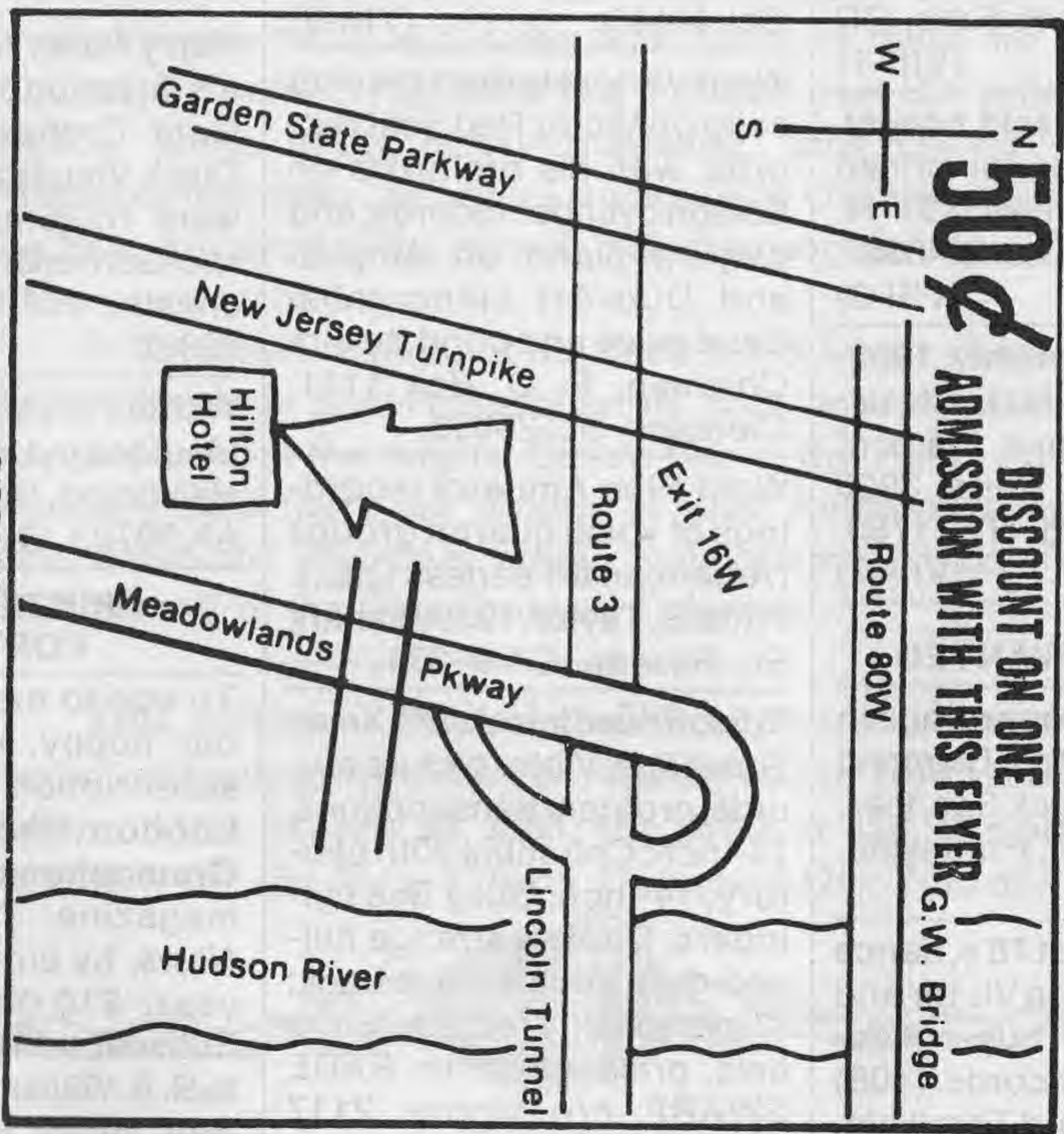
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Columbia 4562, *Loo-Loo (Hit the Deck)*, Tresmand, London, 1927. Ralph Reithner, 2952 Magliocco Dr. #14, San Jose, CA 95128, USA (VIII-2)

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